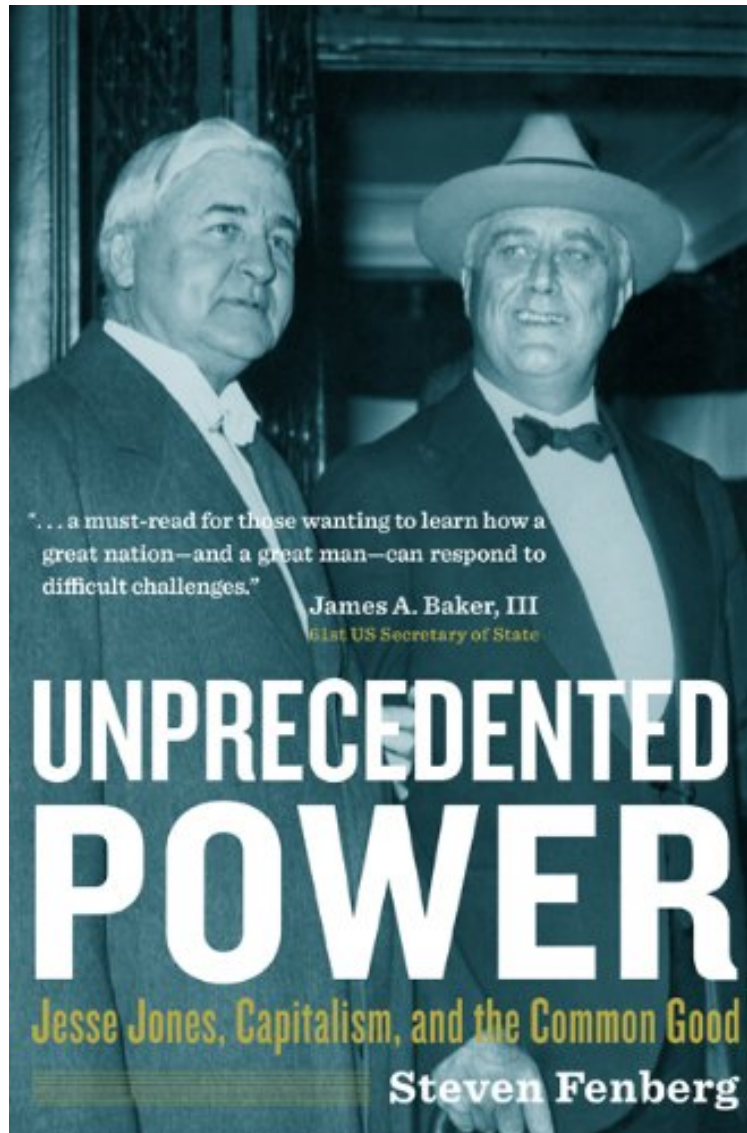


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8 of 8 people found the following review helpful. Capitalism At Its BestBy F. ThompsonI just finished reading a very

interesting book about an American Hero that had unbelievable influence and power beginning during the Great Depression and continuing through the Second World War. No, I'm not talking about President Roosevelt. In fact this person never held a publically elected position at the local, state or national level. One of the amazing things about him was that he was an eight grade drop out and through hard work, privileged opportunity and business savvy he became known as the most powerful unelected government official in the world. In today's climate of Washington grid lock he provides an example of what can be done through collective effort to get an economy back on track. The person I am speaking about is Jesse Jones. He had as much influence on what we know today as Houston as any person in its history. Although he lived during an era of deep segregation all evidence seemed to indicate he respected all people. He gave generously to orphanages' both black and white. He played a significant role in providing scholarships at Prairie View A. M. University. He served on the Board of Trustees at Tuskegee Institute. He also provided scholarships that helped to establish the nationally recognized Prairie View A. M. University College of Nursing. I recommend you get this book. It not only provides background on what Houston was like during that era but also the role he played during this very critical time in American history. Happy Reading!

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. A Spirit, WHERE the Real united States of America came from! ..By Hal R. Perhaps biased by the fact I was partially raised in Houston when JHJ was actively engaged in the city's life, particularly the 1948 ~ 52 era when he sold the half-block of downtown, bounded by Main/McKinney/Travis streets, to F.W. Woolworth stores for the price of \$1000.00 / front-inch of property, which became site of the world's largest Woolworth 5 10 store to that date! This fact was most openly verified by the pair of 24^ solid gold cufflinks created by Sweeney's Jewelers, each in the form of a one inch ruler with "\$1000" engraved on their face, and displayed for weeks in Sweeney's store window located street-level in the City National Bank building directly across from the property at Main McKinney -- with the story calligraphied upon a small show-card for all the world to see. Until this read, the facts of the foregone described property sale cufflink episode and his Federal Reserve Board participation at one time were my only real knowledge of the man, albeit: Given the biographer was true to a completely expository faith, within his work; I find the man, Jesse H. Jones to be an excellent example of the true, equitably charitable American entrepreneurial spirit particularly, Texan in nature which fits my now, 79-year/old recall of just what made this country worthy of my 30-month military/paramilitary combat-time investment, against the real prospect I my posterity too MAY be able to achieve such success. Alas: How far from that spirit, we have fallen as a nation can only be measured by the conversions, of those Jesse H. Jones who might have come of our history, into these academia spawned, megalomaniacal power leaches by whom we are being immersed into this diabolical cesspool of dissipation today. ... Within this context: I find the "UNPRECEDENTED POWER" of Jesse H. Jones, a thing to be prayed for IF we're to regain any form of redeemable secular substance, BEFORE our Lord Jesus Christ returns to CANCEL this lease to REBUILD REPOPULATE IT His way (the BEST reason I know to get on our knees and 'apply for Citizenship' IN His Kingdom)!!!... ENJOY!!!

3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Unprecedented Power: Jesse Jones, Capitalism and the Common Good By Margaret Babcock We need a leader like Jesse Jones today - an entrepreneur with only an eighth-grade education who rocketed to Houston to a world class city and as the chairman of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation saved the country during the depression. This is an insightful look at how the government can help build infrastructure, saved homes, banks and businesses. Steven Fenberg offers a timely perspective as we struggle with the world economy today.

As President Obama began to unveil sweeping government programs to restore the crippled economy, the public and media drew numerous comparisons with the actions of Franklin Roosevelt, who faced the grim prospects of the Great Depression almost eighty years earlier. Steven Fenberg tells the story of Jesse Holman Jones, the Houston businessman who went to Washington as an appointed official and provided the pragmatic leadership that salvaged capitalism during the Great Depression and militarized industry in time to fight and win World War II.

"Jesse Jones is one of those vital figures who has inexplicably slipped into the historical shadows. Now Steven Fenberg has given us a wonderful new biography of a man who played a critical role in the most tumultuous years of the American Century, bringing Jones back to vivid life."--Jon Meacham, author of the Pulitzer Prize winning American Lion: Andrew Jackson in the White House and the bestselling Franklin and Winston: An Intimate Portrait of An Epic Friendship